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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/18/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/11/04
BRO-FRY	169,891	153,951
LT HENS	1,428	1,206
HVY HENS	1,531	1,317

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	153	0	153
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	167	0	167
SAME WEEK YR AGO	61	7	68
TO-DATE/2004	8,457	91	8,548
TO-DATE/2003	8,520	125	8,645

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,384	1,346	2,730
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,631	1,571	3,202
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,182	1,604	2,786
TO-DATE/2004	57,379	48,131	105,510
TO-DATE/2003	62,615	50,627	113,242

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577
AVG WT	5.31	3.43	8.00	5.82
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035
SAME WK YR AGO	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718
AVG WT	5.18	3.46	7.91	6.07
TO-DATE/2004	5,628,856	48,922	48,040	96,962
TO-DATE/2003	5,540,416	54,095	50,502	104,597

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.4 million head or 11.6 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	25,276	22,125	42,204
Avg Weight	3.58	4.79	6.30
% of total /1	28%	25%	47%
Last week	26,593	17,949	52,920
Avg Weight	3.80	4.70	6.26
% of total /1	27%	18%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	15,480	18,694	42,103
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	20%	25%	55%
To date/2004	930,105	757,770	1,586,796
To date/2003	821,837	823,013	1,571,482

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,564	2,371	61	9	4,005
AVG WT	15.87	35.68	23.50	31.53	27.75
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,827	2,716	54	0	4,597
SAME WK YR AGO	1,980	2,882	37	8	4,907
AVG WT	15.25	34.37	24.16	30.02	26.56
TO-DATE/2004	62,350	91,519	1,826	275	155,970
TO-DATE/2003	67,488	98,186	2,264	508	168,446

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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